

**MEDICAL DEVICE WITH SPONGE COATING
FOR CONTROLLED DRUG RELEASE**

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

The medical devices of the invention comprise an
5 expandable portion which is covered with a sponge coating for
release of at least one biologically active material. The
sponge coating is made of a non-hydrogel polymer having a
plurality of voids. The device can further include means for
infusing or expelling the biologically active material or
10 drug into the voids. The drug is delivered to the body lumen
of a patient by expelling the drug and inflating or expanding
the expandable portion of the catheter or device.

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